

OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS/DRONES

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All operators of drones on or in the airspace above Board property must comply with the following guidelines:

1. Operator shall not use the drone to take photographs or video footage of any students or school system employees without the express written permission of the Superintendent or designee.
2. Operator may not operate a drone over or use a drone to take photographs, video, or data of any kind of any property other than Board property without the property owner's express written consent.
3. Operator shall not operate the drone for the purpose of filming any assemblies, programs, or school events without the express written consent of the Superintendent or designee.
4. Videos, photography, infrared imaging, or data of any kind taken using drones may not be used for marketing purposes, sold for profit, or otherwise distributed to third parties without the express written permission of the Superintendent or designee.
5. Operator must follow the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) rules and guidelines for drone use, which forbid the use of drones within the physical confines of the entire stadium, field, arena, and/or structure during athletic competition. Additionally, drones may not be operated over any athletic/cheerleading/band practice or competition.
6. Operator and the drone must maintain a safe operating distance from crowds and shall not operate over any crowds.
7. When stored and not in use on Board property, operator must ensure that the drone is secured and inoperable by others.
8. Operator shall ensure the drone undergoes a pre-flight check to ensure it is in a safe condition for operation and shall maintain a paper or electronic copy of documentation of the pre-flight check.
9. Operator shall assess the weather conditions prior to each flight to confirm they are safe for operation.
10. Operator shall only operate drones outside on Board property during daylight hours, defined as 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset, unless provided advanced written permission of the Superintendent or designee;
11. Operator shall not operate the drone from a moving vehicle.

12. Operator shall not launch or land a drone from any roof or other structure on Board property.
13. Except for drones weighing less than .55 pounds/8.8 ounces, operator shall not operate the drone indoors, including enclosed buildings under construction, without the express written permission of the Superintendent or designee.
14. Operator shall not be careless or reckless in the operation of the drone or operate any drone while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
15. Operator shall determine whether safety equipment is necessary for the proposed use of the drone and, if necessary, shall provide appropriate safety equipment for the operator and any observer(s).
16. Operator assumes all risk of damage to property and bodily injury that may occur due operation of drone in violation of these guidelines, Board Policy, NCHSAA rules and guidelines, or applicable FAA or NCDOT regulations.

Adopted: